

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 8-9 under 35 USC 101 based upon the allegation that the claimed invention as defined by claim 8 is inoperable is respectfully traversed. Claim 8 has been amended to delete the wording "internal or external " from the claim. Accordingly, the amendment to claim 8 should overcome the problem addressed by the Examiner and the rejection of claim 8 should be withdrawn. Since claim 9 is a dependent claim the rejection under 35 USC 101 should be withdrawn in view of the amendment to claim 8. Applicant now believes that claims 8 and 9 are allowable in that no other rejection on the merits to these claims has been made.

The rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howard et al (US Patent No. 6,097,374) is respectfully traversed.

Claim 6 has been amended to further clarify that the operator at the second location does not have a computer ("CPU") available to him to communicate with the computer at the first location. The base station 13 in Howard is connected to a host system 14 which includes a computer and video monitor for communicating with the first location which includes the wrist pendent optical keyboard to be worn on each wrist of an operator at a distant location from the base station and host system 14. This is self evident from Figures 1 and 11 as well as Figure 2 and is self evident from Figures 9, 10 and 11 in conjunction with the description of the wrist pendent optical keyboard in Howard for communicating with the base station.

Claim 6, as amended, now clearly specifies that the operator does not have a

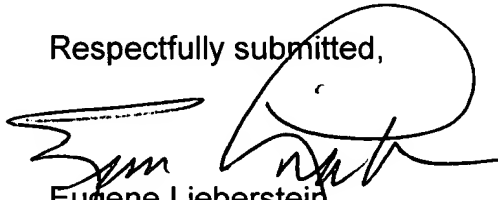
computer available at the second location where the operator is located for communicating with the first location which is located a remote distance from the second location. The methodology of the subject invention as defined in claim 6 is to permit an operator located at the second location in which a computer is not available to transfer and/or modify information stored in a computer remotely located in the first location. This is clearly not the methodology taught or suggested in Howard. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion in Howard of the presence of a computer at the first location at which a wrist pendent optical keyboard is worn on each wrist of an operator located a remote distance away from the base station and host system 14 to enable the operator at the base station to transfer and/or modify information stored in the computer at the remote first location. Moreover, to communicate between two computers remotely located from one another through a wireless interconnection is conventional and not relevant to the subject invention. The Examiner cannot assume that a computer is also located at the first location in Howard since this would mean that a computer is located at both locations which is not relevant to the subject invention nor is it relevant to Howard and, more importantly, eliminates the problem addressed by the subject invention.

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For all of the above reasons claims 6 and 7 are clearly patentable over Howard '374.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 6 -9 is respectfully solicited.

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